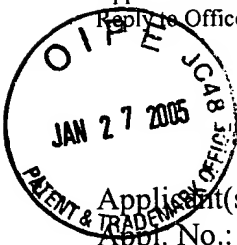


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, Applicant herein amends the above-identified application and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.